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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7760

BILL NUMBER: SB 541

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: University employee health benefits.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Waterman

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill limits eligibility under a state university health plan to an employee of the university and the spouse and dependent children of the employee.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill provides that eligibility for coverage under an employee health plan is not available to an individual other than an employee of the state educational institution and the spouse and dependent child of an employee of the state educational institution. The bill would eliminate domestic partner benefits for university employees. Currently, Indiana University, Purdue University, Indiana State University, and Ball State University provide such benefits. The impact of the proposal is not expected to be great relative to the universities' total health insurance costs. The bill also provides that each state educational institution must annually certify to the Commission for Higher Education that all employee health plans of the institution comply with this requirement. This provision should have a minimal impact.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Universities.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Cindy Brinker, University of Southern Indiana; Indianapolis Star.

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